

BART GORDON and our Chairman, Representative BARTON.

Mr. WU. Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong support of the Garrett Lee Smith Memorial Act.

I wish this bill were not necessary. Unfortunately, it is. Youth suicide is a growing problem that knows no geographic, cultural, racial, or socioeconomic bounds. More children and young adults die each year from suicide than from cancer, heart disease, AIDS, birth defects, stroke and chronic lung disease combined.

More troubling, the rate of youth suicide has tripled in the last 50 years. A recent study by the American College Health Association found that 61 percent of college students report feeling hopeless, 45 percent said they feel so depressed they could barely function, and 9 percent felt they were suicidal.

The Garrett Lee Smith Memorial Act would provide critically important resources to help families, educators, and medical professionals better understand the warning signs of a child in danger and foster better coordination and communication to come up with the best ways to prevent another painful loss.

Specifically, the bill would authorize \$82 million over 3 years to support efforts at the community, state, and Federal levels to enhance early intervention and prevention services. Federal funds would provide mental health services (e.g., screening, assessment, mentoring, counseling etc.) to children and young adults in a variety of youth-oriented settings such as schools, juvenile justice systems, foster care, substantive abuse and mental programs. It would also help establish, and coordinate evaluation of the efficacy of early intervention and prevention programs specifically related to youth suicide.

Mr. Speaker, this bill is named in memory and in honor of Senator GORDON SMITH's son who tragically took his life after struggling with bipolar disorder. I admire Senator SMITH and his wife, Sharon, who returned their family tragedy into something that will benefit other families. By sharing their story with others, they are raising awareness of this growing problem that I know will help prevent other youth suicides.

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The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. PEARCE). The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Texas (Mr. BARTON) that the House suspend the rules and pass the Senate bill, S. 2634, as amended.

The question was taken.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. In the opinion of the Chair, two-thirds of those present have voted in the affirmative.

Mr. GARRETT of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, on that I demand the yeas and nays.

The yeas and nays were ordered.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX and the Chair's prior announcement, further proceedings on this motion will be postponed.

RESIGNATION AS MEMBER OF COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT REFORM

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following resignation

as a member of the Committee on Government Reform:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, August 10, 2004.

Hon. J. DENNIS HASTERT,
Speaker, House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: I am writing to inform you that I am resigning my seat on the House Government Reform Committee effective August 10, 2004 to accept a seat on the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

JO ANN DAVIS,
Member of Congress.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, the resignation is accepted. There was no objection.

RESIGNATION AS MEMBER AND APPOINTMENT OF MEMBER TO PERMANENT SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following resignation as a member of the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence:

CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
August 9, 2004.

Hon. J. DENNIS HASTERT,
Speaker, House of Representatives,
The Capitol, Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: Effective immediately, I resign my seat on the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence.

Best Wishes,

DOUG BEREUTER,
Member of Congress.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair announces that on August 10, 2004, in consonance with the letter of resignation from the gentleman from Nebraska and pursuant to clause 11 of rule I, the Speaker appointed the gentlewoman from Virginia (Mrs. JO ANN DAVIS) to serve on the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, vice the gentleman from Nebraska (Mr. BEREUTER).

RESIGNATION AS CHAIRMAN AND APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN TO PERMANENT SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following resignation as chairman of the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence:

U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
PERMANENT SELECT COMMITTEE ON
INTELLIGENCE,
Washington, DC, August 10, 2004.

Hon. J. DENNIS HASTERT,
Speaker of the House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: As a result of the honor bestowed upon me by the President today, nominating me for the position of Director of Central Intelligence, I believe it is appropriate to relinquish my position as Chairman of the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence during the pendency of the confirmation process of that nomination, effective immediately.

Therefore, I would ask that you appoint a Member to take the Chairmanship of the

Committee on a temporary basis, effective immediately, until the Senate makes a final determination on the President's nomination.

I believe it continues to be appropriate for me to remain a Member of the Committee, however.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Very truly yours,

PORTER J. GOSS,
Chairman.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair announces that on August 25, 2004, in consonance with the letter of resignation from the gentleman from Florida and pursuant to clause 11 of rule I, the Speaker designated the gentleman from Michigan (Mr. HOEKSTRA) as chairman of the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, vice the gentleman from Florida (Mr. GOSS).

COMMUNICATION FROM DISTRICT DIRECTOR OF HON. BENJAMIN L. CARDIN, MEMBER OF CONGRESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from Bailey E. Fine, District Director of the Honorable BENJAMIN L. CARDIN, Member of Congress:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, August 4, 2004.

Hon. J. DENNIS HASTERT,
Speaker, The Capitol,
Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: This is to notify you formally, pursuant to Rule VIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives, that I have been served with a subpoena, issued by the United States District Court for the District of Maryland, for documents and testimony.

After consultation with the Office of General Counsel, I have determined that compliance with the subpoena is consistent with the precedents and privileges of the House.

Sincerely,

BAILEY E. FINE,
District Director.

COMMUNICATION FROM STAFF ASSISTANT/CASEWORKER OF HON. BENJAMIN L. CARDIN, MEMBER OF CONGRESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from Dina Johns, Staff Assistant/Caseworker of the Honorable BENJAMIN L. CARDIN, Member of Congress:

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Sincerely,

DINA JOHNS,
Staff Assistant/Caseworker.